

Beauty may find a rich husband : strength and activity give a money value to a professional football player. The possession of land is a far-reaching advantage : it may enable a landlord to impose his own terms on his tenants and labourers by threatening them with banishment from their homes. But it generally goes with the possession of money. Riches are the all-important advantage. Through them satisfaction may be offered to almost every impulse of humanity. and money may be collected as if by magnetic attraction. The poor have one advantage of their own : they form by far the most numerous class of the community. By a strike they can obtain the advantage of a monopoly. And by their voting power they can limit the tyranny of wealth through protective labour laws.

But this despondent conclusion does not take into account all the impulses of mankind. There remain the promptings of kindness and self-restraint, which are authoritatively impressed upon us by religious teaching. These moderate the fierceness of the struggle for life amongst human beings. Their power is shown in the liberal amounts subscribed in charity. They may soften the relations between employer and employed, between landlord and tenant, uniting interests which are naturally divergent. and substituting mutual consideration for mutual distrust. The sympathy of Parliament has undoubtedly

been stimulated in some measure, by
the political
power of the masses. But kindly
feelings have
also been effective : the richer classes
show little
resentment when required by the law
to contribute to the assistance of the poor.
Society ultimately
relies upon these feelings to
preserve it
from being torn by dissension, and
amongst the
habits of mind which should be
pressed upon the